

THE BOROUGH OF ALLEDALE

Happenings

DECEMBER 2020

A monthly electronic newsletter to keep residents informed. Please encourage friends and neighbors to sign up for Constant Contact by [Clicking Here](#)

A message from Mayor Bernstein. . .

Unfortunately, we are continuing to see a rise in reported COVID-19 positive cases around the county, state, country, and even here in Allendale. I want to remind everyone to remain vigilant with their mask-wearing, social distancing, hand-washing, and other precautionary practices to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Now more than ever, we must not let our guards down.

Testing is critical to halting the spread. To that end, Bergen County is continuing their COVID-19 testing for all Bergen County residents. Visit [the County's website](#) for the dates and locations. We also included a flyer with the complete details in this edition of the Newsletter. For up-to-date information on the corona virus, visit the State's website at [covid19.nj.gov](#).

Unfortunately, the Borough had to make the difficult decision to cancel the annual Menorah lighting ceremony. Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce has also had to cancel their Holiday Walk downtown. We look forward to these cherished traditions being able to continue once again next year.

Due to the corona virus and state-imposed restrictions, many of our local businesses and restaurants are suffering. I encourage you to support our local stores and restaurants and shop and eat locally whenever you can. We can support our local businesses while staying safe and being smart about our health and safety.

On the brighter side, the Holiday Observers will be having a socially-distant, drive-thru "Gifts from Santa" event on December 12th at Crestwood Park. This year, families will drive up in their cars, where they will remain the entire time, and have an opportunity to see Santa, socially distanced of course, and receive gifts. Visit [www.holidayobservers.org](#) for more information.

And in exciting news...Santa's elves called me the other day to tell me that Santa wants to ride around Allendale on Sunday, December 13th, to see where all our good children live. More information will be posted on [@AllendaleFire](#) Facebook page, but we are happy to announce that Chief Rubino and the Fire Department have agreed to escort Santa around town on our fire truck. On Sunday, December 13th go out on your front lawns and wave "Hi" to Santa.

The Allendale Woman's Club is selling luminaries for residents to display on their driveways and walkways on New Year's Eve to give a bright start to 2021- something we are all looking forward to! If you are interested, you can visit their website [allendalewomansclub.org](#) to get all the details.

And finally, on behalf of the Governing Body and the entire borough, I wish you all Happy Holidays! Though this has certainly been a difficult year, to say the least, and not the way we had hoped to be celebrating, we do have much for which to be thankful.



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GARBAGE & RECYCLING REMINDERS

DECEMBER PICKUPS	WEST SIDE	EAST SIDE
GARBAGE	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th , 24 ^{th*} , 31 ^{st*}	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th 26 ^{th*} , Jan. 2 ^{nd*}
BULK	2 nd	9 th
RECYCLING	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st	10 th , 24 th
METAL	23 rd	23 rd

*Extra Pickup for Christmas & New Years

- All items should be put out **starting at 6pm the night before** the scheduled collection.
- Wood pallets are not collected by our garbage contractor. You must make your own arrangements to dispose of them.
- You must schedule a one-time, courtesy move-out pickup with TatianaMarquis@AllendaleNJ.gov at **least 3 WEEKS in advance**.
- Remember to make sure that the lids are securely on top of your cans, especially garbage. This will help keep wildlife at bay.

ALLENDALE RECYCLING

Allendale wants to continue to be diligent with recycling and environmentally friendly so we have made it easy for you! We have curbside pickup for recycling 2 times per month! Stay safe, cozy, and warm at home. . . bring all your recyclables to the curb!

Allendale Has Dual-Stream Recycling:

- ♻️ One bin is for clean bottles, cans, and hard plastics. - *Recycle code #1,2,3 and 5 only*
- ♻️ The other bin is for clean cardboard, magazines, and any paper.
- *no bound books & no oily pizza boxes or food remains.*

WHEN IN DOUBT . . . THROW IT OUT

- Check the website for Thursday pick dates on your side of town ([CLICK HERE](#))
- The RECYCLE COACH app helps remind you of Allendale's pickups. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the app and you won't forget a pickup again!
- Don't put plastic bags in any bins. They can be recycled by dropping at specially marked cans at your local grocery stores.

REUSABLE BAGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

While the new statewide plastic and paper bag ban law may not go into effect until 2022, now is a great time to get into the habit of taking your reusable bags with you wherever you go! We all agree that plastic bags are terrible for the environment as they don't biodegrade and paper bags take a lot of trees to make. So why aren't reusable bags used all the time? The answer... *We Forget!!*

Below are some tips to remember to make reusable bags as part of your routine:

- Make yourself go back for your reusable bags, rather than buying single-use bags at the store when you forget them.
- Once your groceries are unpacked, put your reusable bags right by the door so you see them the next time you head out. Or even better—make an extra trip to put them in your car.
- Happy Shopping!

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS:

More and more studies show how single-use plastic has a big environmental impact causing harmful effects on our oceans, wildlife, and our health. 300 million tons of plastic is produced each year worldwide, half of which is for single-use items. Almost all single-use plastics are not recyclable.

Below are some tips that we can do individually that can bring about collective shifts:

- Use reusable water bottles instead of plastic water bottles.
- Always pack a reusable bag when shopping.
- Buy in bulk. Avoid individually packaged goods, like snack packs.
- Avoid excessive plastic wrap by storing leftovers in reusable containers.
- Buy a metal or bamboo reusable straw.

REDUCE YOUR GARBAGE AND GENERATE USABLE SOIL BY COMPOSTING

Composting allows residents the opportunity to turn their yard waste and kitchen scraps into something useful - rich garden soil. This is a form of recycling that can be done from beginning to end in your own backyards. Backyard compost bins turn vegetative kitchen scraps, coffee grinds, tea bags, grass clippings, brown leaves, and dead garden plants into nice crumbly compost. This compost can be used in your vegetable and/or flower gardens.

Compost bins known as "Earth Machines" are available for purchase throughout the year, by appointment, at a reduced price of \$60 at the Bergen County Utility Authority in Moonachie.

Call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hot-line: 201-807-5825 to schedule your appointment.

Recycling Center

Winter Hours of Operation Starting Dec. 19th

SATURDAYS from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm

SUNDAYS CLOSED

Compost Center Closes Dec. 13th

2020 CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The Department of Public Works will be collecting and chipping Christmas Trees. All trees must be free of decorations, tree stands and plastic bags.

- West Side Collection: Weeks of Jan. 4 & Jan. 18
- East Side Collection: Weeks of Jan. 11 & Jan. 25

Decorative wreaths and garland, held together with wires, must go with household garbage.

WINTER IS COMING

GET YOUR SNOW

SHOVELS OUT AND READY

The town code requires that sidewalks be maintained by the property owner abutting the sidewalk. Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours so your neighbors and fellow residents can safely use the sidewalks.

Testing also available at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center. Register at newbridgehealth.org.

The County of Bergen in Partnership
with Bergen New Bridge Medical Center announce

Regional Community Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing

Hosted by

Bergen Community College - Lot B
400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ

Starts December 1st!

**12/1, 12/3, *12/5, 12/7, 12/9, 12/10, 12/14, 12/16, 12/17,
*12/19, 12/21, 12/22, 12/23, 12/28, 12/29 & 12/30**

Saturday sessions operate from 9AM-2PM

Check-in begins at 8AM

Testing begins promptly from 9AM - 2:30PM

Nasal Swab Antigen Test

COVID-19 nasal swab antigen test which allows for rapid results in just 24 hours.

Bring

- ✓ **Identification**
(driver's license/ID card, social security card, passport or birth certificate)
- ✓ **Proof of Bergen County Residency, School ID, or Employment with Municipal or County government**
(copy of lease, driver's license, utility bill, work ID)
- ✓ **Insurance card, if applicable**

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER!

NO WALK-UPS AVAILABLE

Please note, you must bring your mobile device for check-in

<https://www.research.net/r/AntigenBCCC>



ALL MOBILE TESTING SITES ARE WEATHER PERMITTING

In case of inclement weather, please visit www.co.bergen.nj.us for updates.



Quick Notes...

The Bergen County Board of Taxation and the New Jersey Division of Taxation has directed the Borough of Allendale to undertake the annual Reassessment Program beginning with the tax year 2021 and continuing through 2025. This program will ensure uniform and equitable assessments throughout the municipality, account for the recent changes in the real estate market and significantly reduce the costly tax appeals experienced in the past. The Borough has contracted Associated Appraisal Group, Inc. to assist in conducting the Reassessment Program. Please review the letter linked below, that was mailed to all property owners, for full details.

[Annual Reassessment Program Letter](#)

[Bergen County Mental Health & Community Support Resources](#)

Storm Drain & Leaves

With the arrival of Fall, we would like to thank our residents for being mindful about clearing fallen leaves from storm drains in front of their homes. Even with regular street sweeping, clogged storm drains may cause flooding and possible icy conditions during storms.



SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2020
10AM-2PM

When the siren sounds in your neighborhood be sure to go to your window, door or lawn to wave and cheer as Santa passes by!

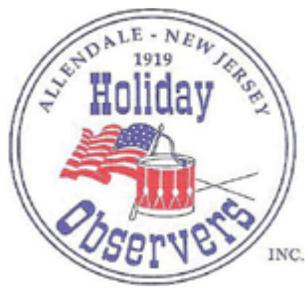
Due to COVID Santa will not be stopping for photos

The Allendale Fire Department is happy to announce that Santa Claus is coming to town! AFD will escort Santa on his rounds of all Allendale streets,

Sunday, December 13th, 10am-2pm

Because Santa cares greatly about health and safety, he will observe strict social distancing and will not be available for personal and group photographs.

Visit  [@AllendaleFire](#) - For Up To Date Information



Gifts from Santa

*A Special Drive Thru Event
at Crestwood Lake Park*

Saturday December 12, 2020 - 1 pm -3 pm

Rain Date Sunday, December 13, 2020

for
**Allendale Children
Grades Pre-K through 8**

Donations accepted for
Center for Food Action



Due to the pandemic, this year's
Annual Holiday Observers Holiday Gift Distribution
will be held in a no contact drive-thru fashion.

All Allendale Children, Pre-K through Grade 8, will receive a gift from Santa Claus and his elves.

In the spirit of "Christmas Giving", please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Center for Food Action. We also will accept back the gift for children who choose to donate them, they will be given to Toys for Tots.

Changes as a Drive-thru event:

- Cars will start by being lined up in the parking lot at the lake entrance
- No need to rush to get in line, Santa and the elves will be there for all cars that arrive from 1 to 3pm
- **CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT IN THE CAR TO RECEIVE A PRESENT FROM SANTA**
- Do not exit your car at any time, you can wave and call out to Santa from a distance.
- You are asked to stay in your car and can expect Santa to Greet you from a distance, and his HO elves, wearing their masks and gloves will bring the gifts to your car.
- Please wear a mask when opening windows and interacting with non-family members

NOTE: Public safety procedures of the state or another government agency may change to require modifications to our plans.



Light The Way To 2021!

The Allendale Woman's Club is offering Luminary Bags
to line your walkway or driveway on

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Allendale... Let's welcome 2021 and start the year off bright!

Each flame-retardant paper bag will include a
tea light, candle and sand ready for placement

1 bag for \$5.00 10 bags for \$40.00

Orders can be placed at allendalewomansclub.org
by Friday, December 11th

Pick up orders on Saturday, December 19th from 9am-11am
at Borough Hall Parking Lot.



**Please note bags MUST NOT be placed on
Borough property (such as streets or sidewalks)**

Mayor & Council Virtual Meetings

Thursday, December 3rd at 7:30pm

Thursday, December 17th at 7:30pm

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/302918517>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Phone Number: (872) 240-3212

Access Code: 302-918-517

New to GoToMeeting? Get started by clicking below.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/302918517>





Please join Liz Homan, Allendale Water Committee Chair,
for a
**Virtual Community Presentation
on Allendale Water**
Wednesday, December 9th @ 7pm

Virtual Water Meeting Topics Will Include:

- 💧 Economics of Water
- 💧 Emerging Contaminants

Meeting Link:

Allendale Water Public Meeting - Economics and Emerging Contaminants
Wed, Dec 9, 2020 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (EST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/658422909>

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, WE ARE WORKING. PLEASE REACH OUT IF WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE.

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